

Diary Laid to Guevara Is Read in Bolivian Court

CAMIRI, Bolivia, Nov. 13 (Reuters)—Passages from a diary said to have been written by the late Cuban revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara were read in court today. They indicated that Régis Debray had been given the task of organizing European support for guerrillas in Bolivia.

The prosecution said that Mr. Debray, a 26-year-old French Marxist writer and revolutionary ideologist, was to work in Europe with Ralph Schoenmann, an American who is secretary to Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher who is a strong opponent of American policy in Vietnam.

Excerpts from the diary were read to a special session of the military tribunal that is trying Mr. Debray, Ciro Bustos, who is an Argentine artist, and four Bolivians on charges of rebellion, murder and armed robbery in connection with guerrilla activity.

The diary indicated that Mr. Bustos was to organize guerrilla bases in northern Argentina.

Volume Seized in Clash

Bolivian military authorities reported that they had seized the diary when Guevara was wounded last month in a clash between guerrillas and army troops. He died later.

The military prosecutor, Col. Remberto Iriarte, asked to present excerpts from the diary, although the hearing of evidence formally closed last month.

Colonel Iriarte submitted 47 pages of the diary as evidence and later read them at a news conference. It included passages to and from "Leche," identified by the prosecution

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Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, and from another Cuban official—"Ariel."

The diary said that Mr. Debray should get in touch with a close friend in Europe who would know what to do to raise money, medicine and equipment.

Colonel Iriarte asserted that this friend was Mr. Schoenmann, who spent more than two months in Camiri before he was expelled because he tried to make a declaration in favor of Mr. Debray.

Criticized for Their Haste

The diary also indicated that Mr. Debray carried messages in code from "Leche" to Mr. Guevara and that the revolutionary leader relied on Mr. Debray to take messages to Havana.

Mr. Guevara was said to have written after hearing of the arrest of Mr. Debray and Mr. Bustos that they had "fallen prey to their haste." Mr. Debray was criticized for his eagerness to leave the guerrilla zone.

There were also extensive references in the diary to Peru.

On March 21 Mr. Guevara recorded that Mr. Debray asked to stay with the guerrillas, and had to be persuaded that he would be more useful outside. But on March 28 Mr. Guevara wrote: "The Frenchman stressed too vehemently how useful he could be outside."

When it became more and more difficult to get Mr. Debray out, Mr. Guevara, on April 2, offered them

three alternatives—to walk out alone, stay with the Guerrillas, or be guided out to a small town, from which they could make their way back to La Paz.

They chose the third course. Mr. Guevara recorded, according to Colonel Iriarte.

Ralph Schoenmann, reached in New York, said in a telephone interview last night that he could neither confirm nor deny that he was the "friend" mentioned in the diary said to have been written by Mr. Guevara.

He stressed, however, that the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation has "always been a supporter of the guerrilla and the oppressed and will continue to be."

Mr. Schoenmann said he would not make a more specific comment until he had seen the diary. He described the Bolivian military as "people who torture and kill political prisoners and who fabricate evidence."

Lefkowitz Gives Advice On Unordered Packages

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz warned the public yesterday against accepting unordered merchandise delivered or mailed during the holiday season.

Mr. Lefkowitz said that the scheme was designed to swindle consumers and that there was no obligation to do anything more than leave the package intact, to be returned only if the sender requests it.

He said that typical merchandise delivered without an order included Christmas cards, tree ornaments and toys for children.